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[NEW SERIES.

OBITUARY.

NORMAN MACLEOD.

THE only man who could speak fully and well of the deceased has done so nobly, in the *Contemporary Review* for this month. Alexander Strahan, projector and co-editor of *Good Words*—friend, intimate, and to use his own expression, comrade of Macleod, has, in paying a feeling tribute of respect to his friend, given a portrait such as has been rarely seen—one that is in itself a study. *Good Words* also contains an "In Memoriam" from the pen of Dean Stanley.

JONATHAN BAGSTER.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. Jonathan Bagster, the senior member of the firm of Samuel Bagster and Sons. This gentleman, by his efforts and enterprise as a publisher, was well known to all who have made Biblical literature the object of study. He was the son of the late Mr. Samuel Bagster, the founder of the firm, and the originator of the scheme of Polyglot Bibles, with which the name is identified.

THE BRITISH BOOK TRADE.

THE book trade of Great Britain does not appear to make the same progress as the other industries of that country. In 1860, the export of books from the United Kingdom reached the amount of almost a half million pounds sterling, and in 1870 not more than £630,855. The import of books from abroad is even more unfortunate. The value of this in 1860 amounted to something over £100,000, and in 1870 it showed the insignificant increase of £18,871. 1870 was, however, no average year, since in that year the export of books from the United Kingdom was about £46,000 less than in 1869, and the import shows a falling off of £16,000. The value of British books exported to France fell from £27,085 in 1860, to £18,733 in 1870, and the export to Holland from £12,377 to £7,989. The export to Germany in 1870 amounted to £17,073 and to Belgium to £8,346; in both cases somewhat higher than in 1869. Though the British colonies were affected little or not at all by the European war, the export of books to them in 1870, figure up with a considerable diminution compared to that of 1869. The greatest consumer of British books is the United States, which is credited upon the list with an amount of over £205,000. As regards the imports of books, that from France fell from £48,509 in 1869 to £31,955 in 1870; that from Hamburg fell from £41,150 to £30,908, and the import from Bremen, from £4,126 to £3,885. The imports from Holland, Belgium and the United States show on the contrary a considerable in-

crease. The German Book trade in 1870 produced 10,558, and in 1871 20,889 new literary works. Of these, theology, upon which in the two years 2,832 works were written, has the lion's share; next follows jurisprudence with 2,066 works; sixteen hundred and eighty works were devoted to Belles-Lettres.

A VALUABLE SCHOOL.

A GERMAN letter in the *Trade Circular* gives a most interesting account of the schools for printers which are established in Stuttgart, and throughout Germany, designed to instruct apprentices in the theory and practice not only of printing, but to impart a general knowledge of foreign languages, and an accurate acquaintance with the types of all languages. The superiority of the German printers is such that many English books are sent to Germany to be set up, although they are returned to England for binding. More interesting still is the report of the bookseller's school at Leipsic, whose purpose is to thoroughly train young men for their trade by attending to the literary, as well as the practical side of the business. A three years' course is marked out, embracing the study of all the prominent languages, ancient and modern, and their literature, mathematics, geography, commerce, history, natural sciences, drawing and writing, aesthetics, bibliography, statistics, business management, etc.

COVERS FOR BINDING.

THE publishers have issued a handsome cloth case for binding the first volume of "THE CANADIAN MONTHLY" ending with the June number. The cost will be 40c., or by post free for 50c. City subscribers can have their volumes bound, including case, for 75c. The publishers will issue gratuitously with the Sept. number an elegant tinted duplicate title-page, preserving the emblematic character of the magazine cover. Subscribers had better, therefore, wait receipt of this before binding the volume.—Let our friends help us in extending the circulation with the new volume.

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